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C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 1357

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MZ

SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES IN LOURENCO MARQUES - SITREP AS OF
COB DECEMBER 19

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1. SITUATION REMAINS CALM. MEDIA HAVE BEEN CARRYING FOLLOWING
COMMUNIQUE (SZCOND OF TWO ISSUED SO FAR) SINCE 1930 HOURS
DECEMBER 18:

QUOTE JOINT ACTION BY POPULAR FORCES (FPLM), POLICE AND
POPULATION ORGANIZED BY DYNAMIZING GROUPS CONTINUES AGAINST
BAND OF CRIMINAL REACTIONARIES WHO AFTERNOON DECEMBER 17
UNLEASHED ARMED ATTACKS AGAINST PEOPLE AND MILITARY INSTAL-
LATIONS IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO OPPOSE CURRENT CAMPAIGN
AGAINST ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH FOMENTING CORRUPTION AND INDIS-
CIPLINE IN ARMED FORCES. ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS HAVE BEEN
DISARMED AND CAPTURED, LEAVING ONLY DISPERSE GROUPS THAT ARMED
AND PARAMILITARY FORCES AND POPULATION ARE PURSUING AND
GRADUALLY NEUTRALIZING. UNQUOTE.

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2. COMMUNIQUE ESSENTIALLY CORRESPONDS TO WHAT FOREIGN MINISTER
TOLD US MORNING DEC 18 (REFTEL A). FACT NO FURTHER PROGRESS
REPORTED WOULD SEEM INDICATE GPRM CONTROL OF ALL ASPECTS OF
SITUATION NOT YET COMPLETE. OTHER THAN OCCASIONAL SHOTS,
HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF FIGHTING ANYWHERE IN OR AROUND
CITY, WHICH HAS HAD NORMAL APPEARANCE ALL DAY EXCEPT FOR
SOME STREETS BLOCKED OFF.

3. IDENTITY AND NUMBER OF DISSIDENTS STILL UNCLEAR. VERY FEW
WERE ACTIVE WITHIN CITY ITSELF. THEIR MAIN EFFORT APPEARS
HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED ON ARMORY AND QUARTERMASTER UNIT
SOME 10-13 MILES NORTHWEST OF CITY.

4. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY.

5. JUDGING BY TODAY'S ACTIVITY AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION,
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ADMITTEDLY SPARSE, COMMUNIQUE PARA 1 ABOVE APPEARS SOMEWHAT
OVERDRAWN. IN CONTINUED ABSENCE HARD INFORMATION, HOWEVER,
WE WILL RESERVE COMMENT.
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